

*So. Bend Freight Lines*  
*Refuse Disposal*

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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HEALTH OFFICER

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REPORT OF MEETING - At St. Joseph County Health Department, 2:30 p.m.

**SUBJECT:** Refuse Disposal Site - Abe Shulman property back of South Bend Freight lines on west side of Gertrude Street.

**PRESENT:** Abe Marcus, vice-president, Attorney Douglas Seely, Bob Richardson, Engineering Planning Services, and Dr. Louis E. How and Calvin Frappier, St. Joseph County Health Department.

**Request:**

1. Use area 4 (see drawing) and area 3 for Sanitary Landfill for Industrial Wastes only (no community garbage collections)
2. Include disposal of solvents, sludge, paint wastes and similar materials now being collected, stored, and shipped out of the county at manufacturers expense.
3. Sand and gravel at the SE and NW corners, areas 1 & 2 are to be used for covering.
4. Area 5 is the lowest part with "surface" ground water retained by underlying clay layer, and prevented from run off by Gertrude Street. This area is to be filled with non-combustible building rubble and industrial rubbish.
5. Note area 3 is silt and clay to a depth of 25 feet where silt sand and the water table occurs.
6. Wells in area are 100' deep and draw water from 80 to 100 foot level. Water vein elevation is about 700 feet.

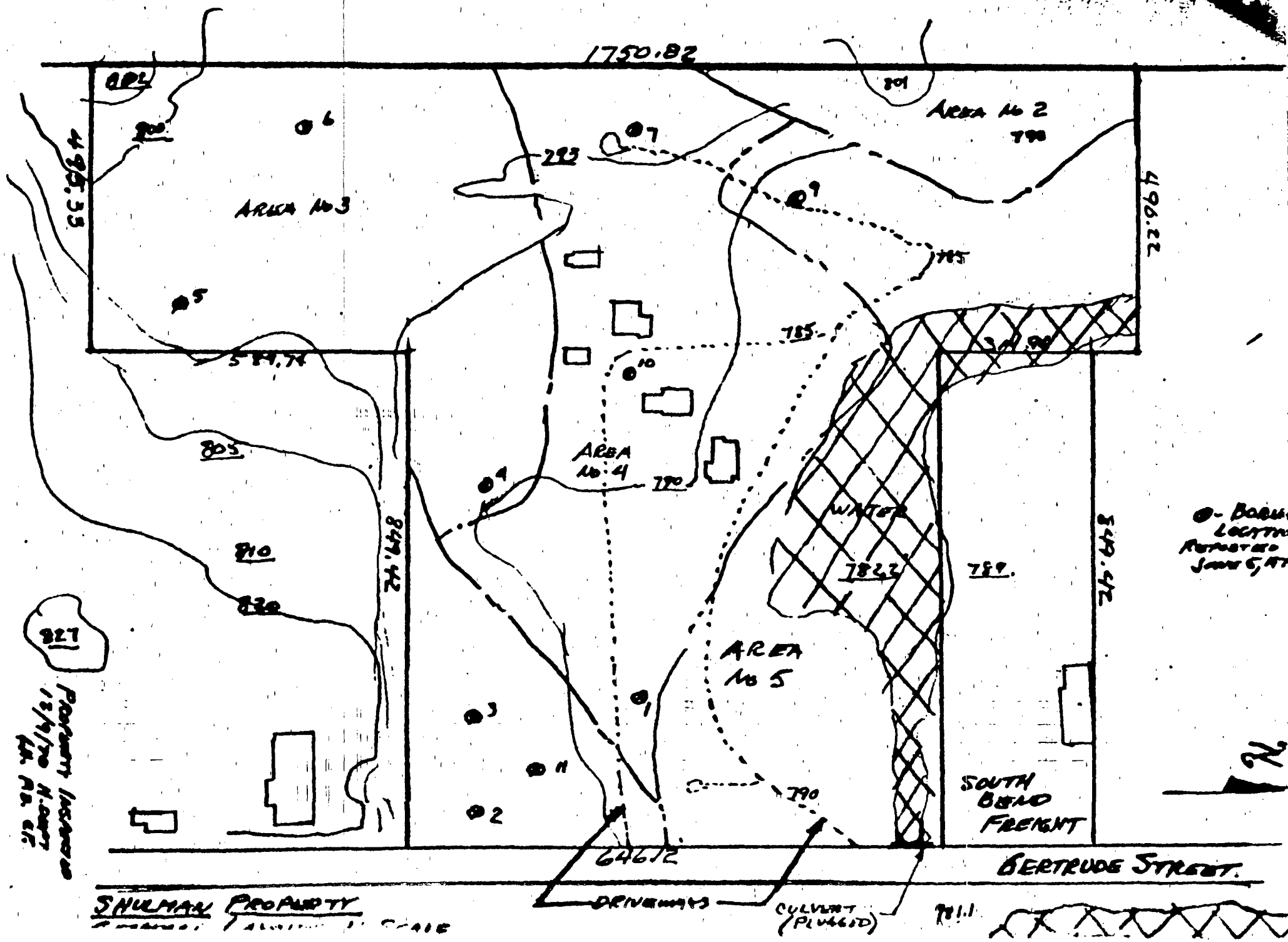
**Discussions:**

1. Solvents must not be deposited in the ground. Verified with copies of letters from Indiana State Board of Health showing water contamination problems. Attached also is copy of letter to Mr. Shulman.

2. Water table location and possible contamination were discussed. Engineering Planning Services and their report from Soil and Foundation Consultants Shilts, Graves and Associates, Inc. claim this whole area is underlain with impervious clay; that the water is surface water that does not reach water table used for wells: and that wells are below this layer.
3. Mr. Richardson pointed out an article from "Public Works" magazine of July 1970, page 102 wherein oil deposits could be mixed with soil and be rendered non-contaminating.

#### Decisions

1. Solvents do not react with soil as organic oils might. Not adequately verified to allow "solvent mixed with soil" approach to be approved. Solvents must not be deposited, even in clayey soil with sand strata. Recommend continue to remove to incinerating and disposal company set to do this process.
2. Will review use of site as a sanitary landfill for industrial refuse only. No junk cars, appliances, or household trash.



# STATE OF INDIANA



## INDIANAPOLIS

### STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Address Reply to:  
Indiana State Board of Health  
1330 West Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

November 2, 1970

*file*  
*Louis R. Kalamita*

Mr. Abe Shulman  
Western Avenue Iron and Metal Company  
3123 Cortland Street  
South Bend, Indiana

Dear Mr. Shulman:

On September 12, 1970, Mr. H. S. Rye, a representative of this office, made an inspection at a dump operated by Western Iron and Metal Company, South Bend. The inspection revealed that solvents from General Products Division, Jeep Corporation, were being dumped in a pit. *Dr. How. These are the barrels we discussed this AM on 23 & 123* *CFL* *12/2/78*

This practice will cause pollution of subsurface waters and therefore should be stopped immediately. Pollution of ground water is in violation of the Indiana Stream Pollution Control Law.

The solvents may be destroyed by controlled incineration in accordance with air pollution laws and regulations. Some chemical companies also provide a disposal service for these materials.

Please advise this office by November 30, 1970, of the steps to be taken to insure proper disposal of the solvents.

Very truly yours,

*Samuel L. Moore*

Samuel L. Moore, Chief  
Industrial Waste Disposal Section  
Division of Water Pollution Control

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cc: St. Joseph County Health Department  
Mr. Frank Cudney